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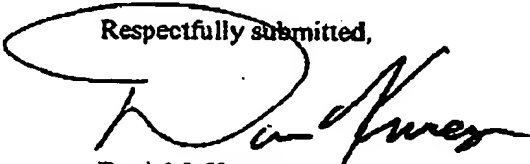
REMARKS

In the course of the foregoing discussions, applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicant submits that this response constitutes a complete response to all of the issues raised in the office action of March 17, 2004. Applicants have responded to the various rejections under 35 USC §103. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if a telephone interview might prove helpful in resolving this application.

If any fees are inadvertently omitted or if any additional fees are required or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to LSI Logic Corporation Deposit Account Number 12-2252/5201-20400/DJK.

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